

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated October 1, 2004.

All objections and rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-22 are currently pending in the application.

Claim 22 has been added to better claim the invention.

At paragraph 2 of the Office action, the examiner has indicated that claims are allowable over the prior art of record. Such an indication is appreciated.

Drawings

Formal drawings are submitted herewith. Please substitute these drawings for the informal drawings that were submitted with the patent application as filed.

Amendments to the Specification

Applicant has amended the specification to update references that are made to pending U. S. patent applications and/or issued U. S. patents. Acceptance of these amendments is respectfully solicited.

Double Patenting

At paragraph 4 of the Office action, the examiner indicated that claims 1-21 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-24 of U.S. Patent 6,690,789. The examiner further indicated that a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) might be submitted to overcome this basis for rejection. Applicant submits such a terminal disclaimer under

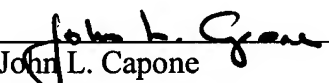
37 CFR 1.321(c) herewith, and respectfully submits that this basis for rejection is overcome.

All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Favorable action is respectfully solicited

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Respectfully submitted,



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